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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects for examination claims 1-16 drawn to the annular seal. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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